

THE MESSENGER

“LIVE AS CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT”

August 22, 2018

ARE YOU A “CEO”?

You and I know there are differences between the business world and the Church - differing language, perspectives, structure, and titles, as well as the bottom line.

All businesses have a CEO - Chief Executive Officer - of some sort, whether they use that designation or not. He/She is one who has to make decisions in the end, the one “where the buck stops”.

Some would say that I am the CEO of FCC, and I accept that. But while in the world, CEO is a position, in God’s world CEO is an expectation, a lifestyle, a way of becoming like Christ.

Consider CEO to be:

“Christians Encouraging Others”

And while the secular world has other positions with other titles, we can, too - CHO’s - Christians Helping Others; CRO’s - Christians Reaching Others; CWO’s - Christians Welcoming Others. You can add more.

But I want to make the acronym personal -

Are you a CEO?

We have the opportunity to encourage others - through their health/family/job needs, but more than that, in their service, their prayers, their faith. Think and pray how God can use you to be a CEO. I’m trying to do that, both administratively and personally, and I hope you will too.

For in God’s family, we don’t have just one CEO; we have a church filled with CEO’s.

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Promotion Sunday

Promotion Sunday is September 2! We will have Bible Presentations for our first graders: Parker Craig, Jasmine Hornbrook, Miah Hornbrook, & Carter Steele and for our fifth graders: Taylor Shewey, Mya Smittkamp, & Drew Templeton. All youth Sunday School classes will be promoted to the next grade. Grades Pre-K through first grade will be in Candi Milam’s class upstairs; second through fifth grade will be in Linda Chittick’s class upstairs; sixth through twelfth grades will be in Pastor John’s class in the youth room downstairs.

COLLEGE STUDENT INFO

We would like to have the new addresses and email of our college students to keep in touch! Please let us know if they have moved.

Mission Projects

The Board appointed a small group to research ways we can help “beyond these walls.” We are gathering information for recommendations to the next Board meeting.

HELP WITH FOOD

We have learned that the Foodmobile, from the Food Bank in Urbana, will be in Paris this Saturday, 9:00-12:00 NN, at the Fire Training Facility out on Cherry Point Road. We report this in case you want to volunteer (arrive at 8:45) - and so you can tell anyone in need of help with food.

Worship Music

Our plan is to begin worship in a special way these next two Sundays. August 26 - we’ll have Praise & Worship songs to begin our 10:00 service; Sept. 2 - we’ll take requests from the Power & Praise songbook to lead us into worship at both 8:00 and 10:00 AM.



We have learned that former member Tom Patalas died last weekend in DuQuoin. While final arrangements are to be announced, there will be a visitation here at FCC on Saturday, Sept. 1. Stay tuned for more.

Hospitalized: Susan King, St. Louis
Shirley Ross, California

Home from the Hospital: Ron Barath
Betty Burgess-Swanson
Kelly Lynch

Congratulations to Gladys Wright on her 100th birthday! (See announcement of Open House.)



-- Roseann Moss for repainting the reserved parking signs behind the building;

-- JD Hasler for Eureka College and Beth Hansel for "Hope House", coming to speak in our Summer Sunday School;

-- Bob Miller for filling the pulpit, and the Elders for their leadership;

-- Dennis Thiel and Evie Gill for the 8:00 accompaniments;

-- Tanner Laughlin and Carrie Lindsay for Special Music;

-- Kim Woods and Pastor John for the Children's Sermons;

-- Jerry & Jenneane McDaniel for their 50th Anniversary flowers! and to Ken & Mary Helen Hamilton's for their 60th Anniversary flowers!

-- Linda Chittick and Cindy Mathis for representing FCC at the Teachers Breakfast as Paris Area Church Women;

-- Mark Johnson, John Chittick, David Dick & others for their help with the "Food Smash" event.

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**BECOMING LIKE CHRIST**

Don't Quit  
Your Daydream



**AUGUST PRAYER**

"Dear Heavenly Father, Thank You for the joy we find in worship. May we always share that joy throughout the rest of the week. Amen."

**CHANCEL CHOIR**

Rehearsals for our Chancel Choir will begin on Wednesday, August 29 at 6:30 PM. All singers are invited and welcome!

**COMMUNITY KITCHEN**

Thank you to all the volunteers who faithfully help each month at the Community Kitchen. Our next Monday to serve is September 17. Please sign-up to help or bring desserts.

**NURSERY ATTENDANT**

We want to thank Emily Thomas for filling our Nursery Attendant position and will be announcing a replacement soon.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- Trustees will meet Thurs., Aug. 23, at 6:00 PM.
- Evangelism Committee will meet Sunday, Aug. 26, at 11:30 AM.
- Mission Committee will meet next Thursday, August 30, at 1:00 PM.
- Elders will meet Thurs., Sept. 6, at 5:00 PM.
- Board will meet Tues., Sept. 11, at 7:00 PM.

**SECRET PLACE**

The Secret Place devotional for the fall quarter is available at the entryways. Pick up a copy!

**BIBLE STUDY RETURNS**

Tuesday morning Bible Study will be resume on September 18 at 10:30 AM in the Jerusalem Room. To be honest, we need some additional people to fill some empty chairs - so come join us as we begin with "The Most Misused Verses In The Bible."

**DISCIPLES MEN**

The Disciples Men will have their breakfast get-together on Saturday, Sept. 15, at 8:00 AM at the Paris Family Restaurant. Sign up!

**NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE**

The next newsletter will be Wednesday, September 5, when we will return to our weekly schedule.

**MICE CANS**

Bring in your aluminum cans this Sunday to be recycled! Thank you!

**OFFICE CLOSED**

The church offices will be closed on Monday, September 3 for the Labor Day holiday.

## CIRCLES IN SEPTEMBER

CIRCLE OF LIGHT: meets Tuesday, Sept. 4, at 6:00 PM in the parlor. They will choose their lessons and Circle Leader.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER: will meet Thursday, Sept. 13, at the church at 6:00 PM.

FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE: will meet Tuesday, Sept. 18 at Pat Hittle's; she will be hostess. Corky Davidson will bring the lesson.

KOINONIA CIRCLE: will meet Thursday, Sept. 20 in the church kitchen. Cindy Mathis will be the hostess and give the lesson.

## CWF NEWS

- ◆ Dedication of Leaders will be Sunday, Aug. 26
- ◆ Women's Workshop will be Thursday, Sept. 13, at 9:00 AM. You are welcome to bring in the following items: used postage stamps, Box Tops for Education, eye glasses/cases, cell phones/chargers, pop tabs, and old keys.
- ◆ CWF Booklets will be available in the CWF Box for Circles by the end of August.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

This Sunday will be our final Special Presentation during the Sunday School time in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 AM. September 2 kicks off our Sunday School promotion for the kids moving up a grade and we'll be back to regular classes.

## OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATION!

You are invited to join in the celebration of Gladys Wright's 100th birthday on Sunday, August 26, from 2:00-4:00 PM at FCC. RSVP to Sandy Templeton - 251-2643. Cards are welcome, no gifts please.

## GOLDEN AGE

Our next Golden Age luncheon will be Tuesday, August 28, at 12:00 NN. Sign-up to participate in the luncheon. The speaker will be Beth Hansel presenting a new shelter for teens.

## *Thank You!*

To my dear Christian friends, I was truly surprised Sunday when I received the "Woman of the Year" award. I am humbled by this honor and will continue to serve our God by serving our church, our community, and my family and friends. God's love to each of you.

Thank you, Roseann Moss



Youth Group It's here! Get pumped. The first youth group of the 2018-19 school year will be August 22 from 6:30-8, for grades 6-12. Our main idea for this year is "Disciples on fire." We will be talking throughout the year about how to conform to the character of Christ [Disciple], and relating Old Testament stories to today's social issues [Fire]. Bring your friends, all youths welcome!

Foodsmash We had our food smash event last Wednesday and boy howdy, it was a great time! Not only did we get to crunch a bunch of fruit and veggies and other miscellaneous items with a giant wooden mallet, but we also had the pleasure of the fire department coming out with one of their trucks, raising the ladder up above the church, and watching them drop watermelons and see them explode! It was a hoot. A big thank you to everyone who came out to help, participate, and support our fall kick off event.

Upcoming Events God's Gang is also here! Nearly; it starts a tad bit later. God's Gang and Crossroads will start on September 12. There is also going to be a planning meeting on August 22 at 5 at the church, so if you want to help this year that would be a great place to be!

You are all surely aware that school has started once again, and I would like to remind you to pray. Pray for the students, that they have a great year full of personal growth, both intellectual and spiritual. Pray for the teachers, that they keep their sanity and their zeal for positively influencing the students, leading them to a better future. Pray for the staff, the secretaries and custodians and other support staff, because without them working behind the scenes the learning could not happen. And lastly pray for the administrators and the head-honchos, their decisions effect the masses of students, and their ideals influence everyone around them. Pray for everyone!

- John Snidle, Youth Minister





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## COME WORSHIP WITH US

EARLY WORSHIP 8:00 AM ~ SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 AM ~ WORSHIP 10:00 AM

*MISSION STATEMENT* First Christian Church's mission is to grow disciples who are:

*"Believing in Christ,*

*Behaving as Christ,*

*Becoming like Christ"*

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

### ATTENDANCE

*We count because you count!*

**Aug. 12: 8:00 - 35 10:00 - 95 Nursery - 2**  
**TOTAL WORSHIP = 132 SS Total: 36**

**Aug. 19: 8:00 - 53 10:00 - 106 Nursery - 2**  
**TOTAL WORSHIP = 161 SS Total: 39**

| <u>OFFERING TOTALS</u>      | <u>Aug. 12</u>    | <u>Aug. 19, 2018</u> |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| General Fund                | \$3,370.25        | \$3,030.25           |
| Food Pantry                 | 85.00             |                      |
| VBS Offering                | 25.00             |                      |
| God's Gang                  |                   | 50.00                |
| Lunch On the Lawn           |                   | 50.00                |
| Community Kitchen           |                   | 50.00                |
| Reimb.-camp pmt.            | 180.00            |                      |
| Bell Choir                  | 10.00             | 100.00               |
| Disciples Outreach/Missions | 80.00             | 60.00                |
| Week of Compassion          |                   | 50.00                |
| Church Bus Fund             |                   | 50.00                |
| Permanent Fund              | 1,500.00          | 25.00                |
| Scholarship Fund            | 30.00             |                      |
| Building Fund               | 360.00            | 250.00               |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                | <b>\$5,640.25</b> | <b>\$3,715.25</b>    |

### Aug. 26, 2018 continued...

SOUND SYSTEM: John Chittick

PROJECTION: Dan Smittkamp

AUGUST FRIENDSHIP VISITOR: Saunny Preston

AUG USHERS: Steve Coombes, Dean Smittkamp, Ron Stickler

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 28:1-10

SERMON: "Overcoming The Obstacle Of Fear And Disbelief"  
by Rev. Michael C. Dixon

### SERVING SCHEDULE: September 2, 2018

**8:00 AM:** ELDER: Dan Lynch

DEACONESS: Carla Keltz

PIANIST: Peg Dixon

**9:00 AM: Sunday School**

**10:00 AM: GREETERS:** East: TBA

West: TBA

ACOLYTES: Sammy Milam, Ethan Smittkamp

WORSHIP LEADER: Chris Milam

BREAD ELDER: Doug Hasler

DEACONESS: Lisa Smittkamp

DEACONS: Team 2, Autumn Kasey, Captain

JR DEACONS: Team #2, Lainey Ogle, Capt.

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Kay Bellerud

NURSERY HELPER: Montana Boatman

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Tammy Terry

SPECIAL MUSIC: TBA

SOUND SYSTEM & PROJECTION: Tony Peel

SEPTEMBER FRIENDSHIP VISITOR: Steve Webb

SEPT. USHERS: Randy Creech, Lloyd Maggert

SCRIPTURE: Romans 12:9-21

SERMON: "Never, Never, Never" by Rev. Michael C. Dixon

SHUT-IN COMMUNION: Doug Hasler, Dan Lynch

### SERVING SCHED.: August 26, 2018

**8:00 AM:** ELDER: Daryl Bridwell

DEACONESS: Cynthia Faulk

PIANIST: Pete Templeton

**9:00 AM: Sunday School**

**10:00 AM: GREETERS:** East: Patty Waters

West: Bob & Anita Martin

ACOLYTES: Drew & Graham Templeton

WORSHIP LEADER: Steve Webb

BREAD ELDER: Kim Woods

DEACONESS: Carolyn Ray

DEACONS: Team 1, Dan Smittkamp, Captain

JR DEACONS: Team #1, Brooklyn Ward, Capt.

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Donna Moody

NURSERY HELPER: Ava Huddleson

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Jane Smittkamp

SPECIAL MUSIC: Templeton Boys